

The Chair has not seen the amendment, so it is hard to say for sure. It has not reached here yet.

Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: Mr. Chairman, based upon the indication of the Chair to my parliamentary inquiry a few moments ago, as soon as the amendment is printed, and I understand it is being printed at the present time, Delegates Raley, Scanlan and myself wish to offer it as a substitute for the pending question.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Byrnes, do you accept Delegate Macdonald's suggested amendment? I understood that you did.

DELEGATE BYRNES: I do, sir.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): I think it is a necessary amendment, actually, and if there is unanimous approval, that change can be made.

Delegate Schloeder.

DELEGATE SCHLOEDER: Mr. Chairman, I just want to make it clear that, as has already been hinted, the Raley amendment will not be acceptable to the Committee, and I do not think that it goes to the substance of the issue. I think that it is basically an attempt to come to some sort of compromise, but a compromise not based upon substantive issues. We would not be in a position to support that amendment.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Chair will announce that the first part of Amendment No. 14 has been modified as has been agreed to, and that adds "except in Baltimore City", as I understand it.

Is that right, Delegate Macdonald?

DELEGATE MACDONALD: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

As I understand it, Mr. Chairman, on line 3 of Amendment No. 14 after the word "county" and before the quotation marks we would add the words "except Baltimore City".

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): This has been agreed to and has been accepted.

This is the way the amendment reads as modified: "The General Election shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, 1970, and every fourth year thereafter, at which time state and county officials except in Baltimore City shall be elected."

Is that not right?

DELEGATE MACDONALD: Yes, Mr. Chairman, and I think your style improved a little bit.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Raley's amendment has reached here, and the Chair rules that would be in order after the vote on this amendment.

Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: I would like to speak in opposition to the first section of the amendment as amended, and that is along the line of opposing the separation of Baltimore City and its elections from those being held in the counties.

Contrary to my good friend Delegate Dukes and the persuasiveness of anything he has to say whenever he has an opportunity to say it, I do feel that the population growth in Prince George's County is rapidly approximating that of Baltimore City. We are now 600,000, and Baltimore City is 900,000. By another ten years we will probably be 900,000 and no one can guess what the population of Baltimore City will be at that time.

However, our problems will be one and the same. The problem mentioned here by Delegate Boyce of the practicalities of combining the state and county elections is such that there will not be enough room on the machine to put all the names. We had that very same problem at our last election in Prince George's County where there were so many names on the ballot that you simply did not know who the individual was behind the name, and that will continue unless we adopt this means of separating the two.

Now, there is one other thought that I would like to pass on. We are sincerely endeavoring to bring a working relationship into existence between Baltimore City and the counties. It is harmful to the best interests of both units to have continued this separation of feeling between county and city. A precedent was set when Mayor D'Alesandro came to Montgomery County a few days ago for the sole purpose of explaining to the people of that county the problems of Baltimore City and why it was to their best interests that they contribute toward the solution of those problems in Baltimore City. It is that kind of effort that I think would be furthered if the city elections and county elections were held on the same day.

The Baltimore *Sun* is still read throughout the counties even though it has been